NOTICE OF PROPOSED GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

2019 Spring Driver Training School Newsletter

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.112, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is hereby seeking comment on 2019 Spring Driver Training School Newsletter, a proposed guidance

document.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION

Comments may be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for 1

day by:

1. Department's website: https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/dot/guidance-docs?guidDocId=DMV982

2. Mailing written comments to:

Division of Motor Vehicles Wisconsin Department of Transportation 4822 Madison Yards Way PO Box 7336 Madison, WI 53707-7336

WEBSITE LOCATION OF FINAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

The final version of this guidance document will be posted at <u>wisconsindot.gov</u> to allow for ongoing comment.

AGENCY CONTACT

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WisDOT Connection to Driving Schools

Important training opportunities



The Annual Governor's Conference on Highway Safety is Wisconsin's premier gathering of traffic safety experts. Join them August 21-22 in the Wisconsin Dells.

Wisconsin DMV will conduct a pre-conference workshop on August 20th. All driver training school owners and instructors are encouraged to attend to learn about DTS Program Updates and Information, DMV Medical Information, Real ID, and GDL Restriction information. You can also meet face-to-face with DMV staff for a Q & A session.

The pre-conference workshop is free. All owners and instructors are also able to register for the Governor's Conference on Highway Safety at the \$95 discounted rate.

This year's pre-conference DMV workshop with not meet continuing education (CEU) requirements. However, workshops on the following days will meet the traffic-safety content requirement.

Watch for email for more details on the pre-conference workshop. Here are more details on the <u>workshops and speakers at this</u> <u>year's Governor's Conference on Highway Safety</u>. Please note, the cut off date for registration will be on August 1, 2019.

Other continuing education updates

To conduct your own continuing education workshop, please submit your agenda to DMV's Driver Training School (dotdrvrtrnschool@dot.wi.gov) for review. The agenda should In this issue

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DTS contact updates

As you may know, Amber Jankowski has resigned from the Division of Motor Vehicles to pursue other avenues and to spend more time with her growing family.

For all driver training school questions and concerns, please continue to call Octavia Powell or Alicia Buckingham at: 608-264-7495 or e-mail: dotdrvrtrnschool@dot.wi.gov.

For additional help, resources, or guidance, you may also contact: TRU Lead: Wayne Georgeson Wayne.georgeson@dot.wi.gov

Or

TRU Supervisor: Shaun Peterson Shaun.peterson@dot.wi.gov

Tools for students

Your students can learn which documents they need to bring to a

include the date, time, location, the number of instructors attending, the topics covered and the duration.

Online courses and workshops are also an option for continuing education. To attend an online workshop, please submit information on the topics covered and duration to <u>dotdrvrtrnschool@dot.wi.gov</u>.

Adding a vehicle requires form and proof of insurance

When you add a new vehicle to your fleet, submit both form MV3264 and proof of insurance on that vehicle. Your vehicle will not be added to your school record until we have proof of insurance.

DEC update: password recovery, errors

Forgot your login and/or password? First, check the <u>WAMS</u> <u>account recovery page</u>. WisDOT staff is not able to assist in recovering WAMS account information.

Received a DEC error when submitting a completion? Please take a screen shot of the error message then send it to <u>dotdrvrtrnschool@dot.wi.gov</u>. The photo will help us troubleshoot the problem.

Work zone awareness: keep workers and drivers alive

Construction season is underway

New drivers should be extra cautious when driving through work zones.

Preliminary data shows 3,157 crashes were recorded in Wisconsin work zones in 2018, causing nine deaths and 1,274 injuries. Tailgating is the most commonly identified factor, while distracted driving and alcohol/drug use continue to be prevalent factors.



Major highway construction and rolling maintenance operations, as well as emergency response, municipal projects and utility work along local roads are all forms of road construction drivers may experience.

What should students do?

- Drive safely, avoid distractions and obey posted speed limits.
- Be courteous and patient.

Wisconsin DMV by using the interactive Driver License Guide.

Texting behind the wheel: *It Can Wait!*

Research shows that 81% of people admit to texting behind the wheel.

Wisconsin State Patrol teams up with AAA and AT&T to host *It Can Wait* events at high schools across the state.

These assemblies include a distracted driving simulator, short films featuring stories of teenage boys killed by distracted driving (Caleb's story and Forrest's story).

The events encourage teens to take the pledge to keep their eyes on the road and not their phones.



- Set a good example for others on the road.
- Visit WisDOT's <u>Work Zone Safety</u> page for more tips and information.

Spring brings out motorcycles: "look twice"

May is national "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" and the Wisconsin State Patrol is asking motorcyclists and all other motorists to share the road, be alert and safe.

Failure to yield the right of way to another vehicle (state law 346.18) can result in a \$175 citation, but penalties are much more severe if the violation results in someone getting injured or killed.

In 2018 in Wisconsin, there were 2,074 motorcycle crashes, 1,678 motorcyclists injured and 81 motorcycle fatalities.

Motorcyclists have two options to get the required Class M license: pass a motorcycle driving skills test at a DMV service center; or successfully complete a WisDOT-approved rider education course. Motorcyclists who successfully complete an approved safety course earn a skills test waiver used to obtain their Class M license.

Click it or Ticket enforcement underway

Not wearing your seat belt? Think again!

Law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin will patrol in greater numbers for longer hours looking for unbuckled motorists as part of the Click It or Ticket mobilization beginning Monday, May 20 and through Sunday, June 2.

State law allows police to stop and cite motorists for failing to wear a safety belt. In addition, drivers can be cited for every unbuckled passenger in their vehicle. Penalties are higher for transporting unrestrained children.



How not to lose your DMV paperwork







The Motorists Handbook is

available free online in various formats. Students can download a version and carry rules for the road with them.

Classroom Tools

No distractions while behind the wheel

Please continue to stress to inexperienced -- and all drivers -that a car is not a phone booth. Put away all distractions.

Not only dangerous, it is illegal to talk on a hand-held mobile device while driving through a work zone. Violators face fines of up to \$40 on first offense and \$100 for subsequent offenses. Today's students are connected to their phones. Wisconsin DMV offers many online resources to help make students' lives easier:

- Sign up to receive driver license renewal reminders by email/text: eNotify
- Find out what documents to bring to the DMV, pre-fill forms and submit electronically: <u>Driver License Guide</u>
- Schedule the road test online: <u>Road Test</u>



Absolute sobriety law

All drivers under 21 years are required by law to drive 100% sober. Prom, graduation parties and sporting events are great times to celebrate safely.

Stay Connected

Check out these past issues of *Between the Lines* Driver Training School Newsletter

- <u>Summer 2018</u>
- <u>Spring 2018</u>
- Fall 2017
- <u>Summer 2017</u>
- <u>Spring 2017</u>
- <u>Winter 2017</u>
- Fall 2016
- Spring/Summer 2016
- Fall 2015



Share the road with ATV Some communities now allow ATV/UTVs to use local roads. Learn more about the <u>law</u>, <u>resources available</u> and follow these safety tips:

- Watch for riders.
- When approaching an ATV/UTVs on the road, slow down and be patient for a safe opportunity to pass. ATV/UTVs are much wider than bicycles so more room is needed to safely pass.
- Always eliminate distractions, be patient and stay focused.

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